

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2584

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2470
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATION TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all public schools and charter schools to provide at least two hundred classroom instructional days per year.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools. The Office of the Governor, Hawaii State Teachers Association, and Innovations Public Charter School submitted written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that, due to recent teacher furloughs, Hawaii public schools now provide the lowest number of classroom instructional days per year in the nation. Your Committee finds that this threatens the overall quality of education that Hawaii public schools provide to their students, and it places students at a grave disadvantage when compared against the achievement levels of other public school systems throughout the nation. Your Committee believes that establishing a mandatory minimum number of days of classroom instruction per school year will reflect the State's commitment to quality education for Hawaii's students.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the equivalent number of instructional hours as an alternative to the minimum required number of days of classroom instruction;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2009, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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SB 2470, SDI	EDH/LBP, WAM	2-24-10
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/	
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/	
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/	
HEE, Clayton	/	
HOOSER, Gary L.	/	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/	
HEMMINGS, Fred		/
TOTAL	11	6
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Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>		
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